

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for delivering to a subscriber located on a second side of a right-of-way a video signal that is free from a right-of-way franchise fee, the system comprising:

a central office located on a first side of a right-of-way;

an optical network unit on a second side of the right-of-way in communication with the central office, wherein the central office transmits both a telephony signal and a packetized data signal over the same fiber optic network to the optical network unit, the optical network unit connected to the fiber optic network via a dedicated fiber optic strand, the optical network unit being located on the second side of the right-of-way opposite the first side such that the telephony signal and the packetized data signal must cross the right-of-way to reach the optical network unit;

a multiplexer on the second side of the right-of-way located between and in communication with the optical network unit and the subscriber via fiber optic strands;

and

a wireless receiver located on the second side of the right-of-way, the wireless receiver receiving the video signal and transmitting the video signal to the multiplexer, the multiplexer combining the video signal, the telephony signal and the packetized data signal into a combined signal for routing to the subscriber.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless receiver receives the video signal as an electronic signal and converts the electronic signal to a fiber optic signal to deliver the video signal through a fiber optic strand to the multiplexer.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless receiver is a radio receiver.
7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the multiplexer is a wave division multiplexer.
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the video signal is transmitted over a first wavelength and wherein one of the telephony and the packetized data signal is transmitted over a second wavelength that is different from the first wavelength.
9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the video signal is transmitted over a 1550-nanometer wavelength and at least one of the telephony data and the packetized data signal is transmitted over a 1310-nanometer wavelength.
10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the right-of-way franchise fee is imposed by a local governing authority.
11. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering to a plurality of subscribers a first signal that is subject to right-of-way franchise fees, wherein the method comprises:
transmitting a second signal and a third signal from a first side of the right-of way, through the right-of-way, and to an optical network unit located on a second side of the right-of-way, wherein the first side is opposite the second side, the second signal comprising at least a voice signal, the third signal comprising at least a packetized data signal, the second signal and third signal transmitted through the right-of-way via the same fiber optic network;

receiving, via a wireless communication, the first signal on the second side of the right-of-way such that the first signal does not pass through the right-of-way, the first signal comprising at least a video signal;

combining the first signal, the second signal and the third signal into a combined signal on the second side of the right-of-way at a wave division multiplexer and multiplexing the first signal with the second and third signals using the wave division multiplexer, wherein the wave division multiplexer is located between and in communication with the optical network unit and one of the plurality of subscribers via fiber optic strands; and

routing the combined signal in the direction of the one of the plurality of subscribers, wherein the one of the plurality of subscribers is on the second side of the right-of-way[[:]].

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[13]] 11, wherein routing the combined signal comprises routing the combined signal from the wave division multiplexer to a splitter that is in communication with the subscriber.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the splitter includes a wave division de-multiplexer, and separating the combined signal comprises separating the combined signal with the wave division de-multiplexer.

17-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering to a plurality of subscribers a first signal that is free of right-of-way franchise fees, wherein the method comprises:

transmitting a second signal and a third signal from a central office through a right-of-way to an optical network unit, wherein the central office is located on a first side of the right-of-way and the optical network unit is located on a second side of the right-of-way opposite the first side, the second signal comprising at least a voice signal, the third signal comprising at least packetized data, the second signal and third signal transmitted through the right-of-way via the same fiber optic network;

receiving the first signal at a wireless receiver located on the second side of the right-of-way, the first signal comprising at least a video signal;

transmitting the first signal from the wireless receiver to a multiplexer without crossing the right-of-way, the multiplexer located between and in communication with the optical network unit and a local terminal via fiber optic strands;

combining the first signal, the second signal and the third signal into a combined signal at the multiplexer;

routing the combined signal from the multiplexer to a local terminal that is located on the second side of the right-of-way; and

separating the combined signal into the first signal, the second signal and the third signal at the local terminal; ~~and~~.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the wireless receiver is a satellite receiver and receiving the first signal comprises receiving the first signal in a satellite communication and converting the first signal from an electronic signal to a fiber optic signal.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the multiplexer is a wave division multiplexer.

23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein a wave division de-multiplexer of the local terminal separates the combined signal.

24-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 wherein the first signal, the second signal and the third signal each originate from the same service provider.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering to a plurality of subscribers a video signal that is free of right-of-way franchise fees, wherein the method comprises:

receiving both a telephony signal and a packetized data signal by an optical network unit over the same fiber optic network, wherein the telephony signal and packetized data signal travel through a right-of-way to be received by the optical network unit;

receiving by a multiplexer a video signal from a wireless receiver, the multiplexer located between and in communication with the optical network unit and one of the plurality of subscribers via fiber optic strands;

combining by the multiplexer the telephony signal, the packetized data signal and the video signal into a combined signal; and

distributing by the multiplexer the combined signal to the one of the plurality of subscribers.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the video signal, the telephony signal and the packetized data signal each originate from the same service provider.